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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM

: Richard J. Kerr
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SUBJECT

: Reporting During the Korean Exercise

REFERENCE

: NIO Monthly Warning Assessments: December (U)

1. In his note to you on the NIO Monthly Warning Assessments, [redacted] indicated that the current intelligence treatment of the Korean exercise was "less than adequate." I take issue with that judgment. Items were published in [redacted] the National Intelligence Daily every other day between 7-21 December. In addition, more comprehensive assessments were provided in memorandum form on 14 and 17 December. (S)

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3. Management and analysts in OEA spent considerable time questioning our judgments and probing DIA assertions. We were concerned and tweaked collection to make sure we had all the information we could get. Perhaps we should have exposed to senior policymakers more of this internal questioning. (S)

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